

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* End Stage Renal Disease Medical Evidence Report Medicare Entitlement and/or Patient Registration and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 405.2133; *Form No.:* HCFA-2728; *Use:* This form captures the necessary medical information required to determine Medicare eligibility of an end stage renal disease claimant. It also captures the specific medical data required for research and policy decisions on this population as required by law. *Frequency:* Quarterly, weekly, semi-annually, monthly, and annually; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 60,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 60,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 25,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch,

Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

John P. Burke III,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Type of Information Collection Request: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of Medicare Choices Demonstration; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-226; *Use:* The objective of the evaluation of the Medicare Choices Demonstration is to determine whether the newer types of managed care delivery systems in the demonstration are effective at attracting and retaining Medicare enrollees and providing a high quality, cost-effective care. The key research questions HCFA will ask Medicare enrollees include: Beneficiary choice, knowledge, and biased selection. Why do beneficiaries enroll (or not enroll) in plans? What proportion of enrollees disenroll, and why? What is the nature and extent of biased selection in the demonstration, and does it vary across plans? How well do enrollees understand their plans and

the rules and procedures for obtaining care? Effects on service use. What are the effects of the plans on the use of Medicare-covered services? Are some plans more effective at controlling service use than others? Effects on Medicare costs. What are the effects of the various payment methods being tested in the demonstration on Medicare costs (relative to both the AAPCC payment system and the FFS sector)? Effects on satisfaction, access, and quality. What are the effects of the plans on enrollee satisfaction, access to care, and quality of care? How does this vary across plans? *Frequency:* Other, one time; *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 10,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 10,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 3,880.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of